

John 4:43-54 – Your Son Will Live

Introduction

1. Days of peace and purity longed for in the heart
2. Jesus brings light and life into the dark world (**John 1-4**)
3. Jesus has the power to give life – new life – eternal life
4. Two Problems in Our Text: verses 45 and 48
 - a. Why does it say a prophet is not honored, and then the Galileans welcome him?
 - b. Why does Jesus heal a boy after He rebukes everyone for seeking signs and wonders?

Main Idea Jesus does not entrust Himself to those who will use Him to their own ends. God gives grace to sinners to faithfully trust Jesus at His word.

Seeing Jesus As A Miracle Worker: The Sign Seeker (vv 43-45, 48)

1. Jesus does not entrust Himself to the User (**John 2:23-25**)
 - a. Users desire benefits Jesus provides over Jesus Himself
2. Jesus has just entered Galilee from Samaria
 - a. Experienced great awakening in Sychar, Samaria
 - b. Rejected in Nazareth
3. Jesus purposefully leaves Samaria to be dishonored in Galilee
4. Problem #1: Jesus is said to be welcomed by the Galileans
 - a. The reception of Jesus is not what it seems
 - b. They welcome Jesus because of the miracles and the power they saw in Jerusalem
 - c. They knew Jesus – and He comes back saying He is the Messiah, the Prophet Moses spoke of – not receptive to this
 - d. Irony: Eager to see Jesus, but Jesus is not impressed with their welcome (their welcome was not saving faith)
5. Jesus is the Son of God, a Prophet who proclaims God's Word
 - a. He is not welcomed as the Glorious Messiah, but a great Performer of signs and wonders
 - b. Looking for the spectacular is not evidence of faith, but is carnal and fleshly (evidence of a lack of faith)
 - c. To follow Jesus just for the miraculous only asks God what He can do for them – it is evil & adulterous (**Mt 16:4**)
6. Ways we can use and abuse Jesus:
 - a. Sense of Entitlement to the blessings of God – deserving
 - b. Over familiarity – informal attitude toward the King, seeing Him as ordinary and what He says as dull, humdrum
 - c. When these things happen – Christianity loses its zeal, its shock value to the heart
7. Jesus denounces the Galileans: *you just seek signs & wonders*

By God's Grace, The Sinner Seeing Jesus As The Savior (vv 46-54)

1. The Official seeks Jesus to heal his sick son
 - a. Was the official like the Galileans? Yes
 - b. Jesus is harsh with the man – Jesus exposes the heart of the people and this man's heart for why He was so popular
 - c. The Official came from Capernaum – 20 mile journey
2. Problem #2: Jesus tells the Official and the Galileans – seeking me to do a miraculous work and fix problems is not enough
 - a. The Holy Spirit is not needed to create the desire to make things better in life – non-Christians want these things
 - b. No one needs to be Born Again to want Jesus to fix things
 - c. You need to be Born Again to desire Jesus to be Lord of your life
 - d. Healing the sick son is a smaller issue, an earthly matter
 - e. Greater vision is Eternal – eternity is in man's heart
3. Jesus tests the Official (**Ex: Syrophenician Woman, Mk 7**)
 - a. Will he continue to pursue Jesus?
 - b. Why do we go to Jesus? Just to fix stuff in our life?
 - c. The Official came for a miracle - This is not sufficient enough; He is persistent – seeking, asking, knocking
4. The Official is given Grace to Believe
 - a. The Official is no different than the Galileans
 - b. Grace is unmerited favor from God to take Jesus at His Word
 - c. The Official was awakened to hear the voice of the Shepherd and believe the Word Spoken to him: *Faith comes from Hearing the Word of God*
5. The Word of Jesus was Enough
 - a. Faith is the Work of the Holy Spirit, causing the Heart to trust in everything Jesus Says
 - b. This Same thing happened in Samaria (**John 4:39-42**)
 - c. Christian, this same thing happened to you
6. The Official Trusts Jesus, He and His Whole Household
 - a. He traveled back to Capernaum and got word his sick son was recovering
 - b. The son began to get better at 1:00 pm, the very time Jesus had spoken to the Official
7. Seeking health, happiness, success is not bad - But Jesus wants our seeking to be higher, superior, for these are not ends in themselves – Jesus is the end!
 - a. God's Grace saves, producing faith to see Jesus who does not just give what we want, but grants eternal life
 - b. What if the boy died? Would Jesus still be enough for this Official?
 - c. If you do not get what you want, is Jesus enough for you?